

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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## Special Announcement by International Commission Dedicated to Empowering the Poor

WINNIPEG— University of Winnipeg President Lloyd Axworthy invites the media to attend a news conference regarding a pivotal appointment by the High Level Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor (HLCLEP), a global initiative hosted by the United Nations Development Programme. The announcement will be made by Dr. Naresh Singh, Executive Director of the HLCLEP Secretariat, based in New York, at a news conference at The University of Winnipeg:

Date: Friday, July 14, 2006
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Centennial)
Members of the media are welcome to attend

Prior to the news conference, The University of Winnipeg's Global College will present a seminar on *Legal Empowerment for Social Justice* featuring presentations by Dr. Axworthy and Dr. Singh. A question and answer session will follow with invited guests from NGOs, government, academia, and the extended community.

The Commission is a new, independent global initiative which sets out to explore how nations can reduce poverty through reforms that expand access to legal protection and opportunities for all. The work of the Commission will contribute significantly to achieving the Millennium Development Goals both at the global and country levels, including the pledge by all UN members to cut extreme poverty worldwide by half by the year 2015. For more information, on the HLCLEP, please visit: http://www.undp.org/legalempowerment/index.shtml

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